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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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HIROMITSU NISHIKAWA, ET AL.)
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Application No.: 10/628,406)
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Filed: July 29, 2003)
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
METHOD AND IMAGE)
PROCESSING APPARATUS) September 23, 2003

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: